directed against India. It has made attempts to mislead the international opinion about the true facts on the situation in J&K in regard of external sustenance of militancy Pakistan's efforts to project a distorted picture of the security climate in the subcontinent owing to its differences with India over J&K, are aimed at seeking a third party intervention. Pakistan has from time to time also attempted to give the J&K issue a religious bias especially among members of the OIC.

Government regard Pakistan's anti-India campaign and its efforts to internationalise J&K issue to be in contravention of the spirit of the Simla Agreement. These negative actions of Pakistan vitiate the atmosphere of bilateral relations and run counter to universally accepted norms of inter-State relations. We are firmly committed to the resolution of all differences with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral negotiations within the framework of the Simla Agreement. There is no scope for any third country involvement. Government have and will continue to take all steps to apprise the international community, including members of the OIC, of the true facts regarding situation in J&K. Government are also firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to counter terrorists, and will remain vigilant about material, financial or any other support extended from outside quarters for sustenance of activities directed against India.

Extradition from Nepal

7957. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nepal Government have cancelled the passport of an accomplice of Dawood Ibrahim and have derecognised his citizenship; and

(b) if so, what are its implications now on getting him extradited to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The Nepalese authorities have informed the Government of India that they have annulled the citizenship and consequential documents of Shri Om Prakash Srivastava @Babloo @Arun Kumar Aggarwal, presently in detention in Singapore pending decision on our request for his extradition to India.

(b) Shri Om Prakash Srivastava had initially taken the plea that he was not Shri Om Prakash Srivastava, an Indian national, but Arun Kumar Aggarwal, a Nepalese national, and hence not liable to be extradited to India in terms of the extradition agreement between India and Singapore. In the light of the Nepal Government's disavowal, this point regarding citizenship is not expected to be a hurdle in the processing of our extradition request by the Singapore authorities.

Liberation of Indian territory illegally occupied by Pakistan

7958. DR. B. B. DUTTA:

SHRI HIPHE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an unanimous Resolution was passed by both the Houses of Parliament, urging upon Government to take all possible steps for the liberation of the Indian Territory illegally occupied by Pakistan;

(b) if so, details of steps taken so far at diplomatic level in this direction and the outcome thereof; and

(c) whether Government have chalked out a time schedule for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Government are consistently of the view that Pakistan must vacate the territories illegally and forcibly occupied by it through aggression in J&K.

Government have and will continue to bring to the attention of the international community the true facts of the situation prevailing in the Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir and the so-called 'Northern Areas' including Pakistan's continued occupation of these areas and the denial of the democratic rights and previleges of the people living there apart from the general backwardness, economic deprivation and recurring violence affecting the areas. There is appreciation on the part of the international community in regard of these realities.

Government are firmly committed to resolving all outstanding differences with Pakistan including on aspects relating to J&K within the framework of the Simla Agreement.

विदेशी निवेशकों को वीसा संबंधी समस्याएं

7959. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विदेशी निवेशकों को वीसा संबंधी समस्याओं का सामना करना पड़ता है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को विदेशी निवेशकों से उनकी शिकायतों के संबंध में कोई अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार का इस संबंध में कार्य प्रणाली को सरल बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया) : (क) भारतीय वीजा प्राप्त करने में विदेशी निवेशकों को पेश आ रही दिक्कतों के बारे में किसी सामान्य समस्या की सरकार को जानकारी नहीं है ।

(ख) तथा (ग) जी नहीं । तथापि, विशिष्ट देशों के साथ वीजा मुक्त व्यवस्था की स्थापना के लिए समय-समय पर अनुरोध किए जाते रहे है ।

(घ) और (ङ) वीजा प्रदान करने से सम्बद्ध नियमों को उदार बना दिया गया है। इन नियमों की समय-समय पर समीक्षा की जाती है ताकि वास्तविक यात्रियों, जिनमें विदेशी पूंजी निवेशकर्ता भी शामिल हैं, को कोई अनुचित दिक्कत पेश न आए ।

Pak Attempts for setting up of a Multi-Lateral Forum by U. S.

7960. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 10th April, 1995 that Pakistan's Prime Minister wanted the US to set up a multi-laterral forum on South Asia to focus on three broad areas, including the resolution of regional conflicts and disputes, particularly, Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to counter this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.